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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1 – 33. (canceled)

34. (currently amended) A disposable absorbent garment, the disposable absorbent garment comprising:

an elastic outer layer having an outer layer perimeter;

an elastic inner layer, wherein the elastic inner layer has an elastic inner layer perimeter and wherein the elastic inner layer defines an opening located in an internal position to the elastic inner layer perimeter; wherein the elastic inner layer perimeter is bonded to the outer layer perimeter with a plurality of ultrasonic, adhesive or thermal bonds; and

an absorbent assembly positioned between the outer layer and the elastic inner layer, wherein the absorbent assembly includes a topsheet layer, a core layer and a barrier layer.

35. (canceled)

36. (canceled)

37. (canceled)

38. (original) The disposable absorbent garment of claim 34, wherein the outer layer is liquid impermeable.

39. (original) The disposable absorbent garment of claim 34, wherein the outer layer is liquid permeable.

40. (canceled)

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41. (canceled)

42. (canceled)

43. (original) The disposable absorbent garment of claim 34, wherein the elastic inner layer is elastic in both a longitudinal direction and a lateral direction of the disposable absorbent garment.

44. (original) The disposable absorbent garment of claim 34, wherein the elastic inner layer is liquid impermeable.

45. (original) The disposable absorbent garment of claim 34, wherein the elastic inner layer includes two or more layers of materials.

46. (canceled)

47. (canceled)

48. (original) The disposable absorbent garment of claim 34, wherein the disposable absorbent garment has a longitudinal direction wherein the outer layer has a length in the longitudinal direction, the elastic inner layer has a length in the longitudinal direction and the outer layer length is greater than the elastic inner layer length.

49. (original) The disposable absorbent garment of claim 34, wherein the disposable absorbent garment has a lateral direction wherein the outer layer has a width in the lateral direction, the elastic inner layer has a width in the lateral direction and the outer layer width is greater than the elastic inner layer width.

50. (original) The disposable absorbent garment of claim 34, wherein the disposable absorbent garment has a longitudinal direction, a lateral direction and a longitudinal side

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edge that includes a perimeter bonded area where the elastic inner layer is bonded to the outer layer, wherein the perimeter bonded area has a percentage of bonded area to unbonded area of from 10 to 40.

51. (original) The disposable absorbent garment of claim 34, wherein the disposable absorbent garment has a longitudinal direction and a lateral direction and wherein the absorbent assembly is attached to the outer layer along a lateral centerline of the absorbent assembly.
